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WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU ANNOUNCES COMMENT DEADLINES FOR PROPOSED CHANGES TO 800 MHz CELLULAR SERVICE POWER RULES AND OTHER TECHNICAL AND LICENSING RULES

WT Docket No. 12-40

On November 10, 2014, the Commission released a *Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* regarding substantial reforms of rules governing the 800 MHz Cellular ("Cellular") Service. In the *Further Notice*, the Commission proposes and seeks comment on adoption of a power spectral density model for the Cellular Service, as well as related technical rule changes, to facilitate deployment of next-generation wireless broadband networks that use advanced technologies such as long-term evolution ("LTE"). In addition, the Commission proposes and seeks comment on a new geographic-based rule concerning the permanent discontinuance of Cellular operations, and the establishment of frequency coordinators to perform review of certain Cellular applications prior to their submission to the Commission.

The proposed rules and a synopsis of the *Further Notice* were published in the *Federal Register* on December 22, 2014.² Accordingly, comments must be filed with the Commission no later than January 21, 2015, and reply comments must be filed no later than February 20, 2015.

Action by the Chief, Mobility Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau.

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¹ Amendment of Parts 1 and 22 of the Commission's Rules with Regard to the Cellular Service, Including Changes in Licensing of Unserved Area; Amendment of Parts 0, 1, and 22 of the Commission's Rules with Regard to Frequency Coordination for the Cellular Service; Amendment of the Commission's Rules Governing Radiated Power Limits for the Cellular Service (other captions omitted), *Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*, WT Docket No. 12-40, RM Nos. 11510 and 11660, FCC 14-181 (rel. Nov. 10, 2014) ("*Report and Order*" and "*Further Notice*," respectively). A separate Public Notice was issued following *Federal Register* publication of the final rules adopted by the *Report and Order*. *See* "Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Announces Effective Date of Revised 800 MHz Cellular Service Rules; Reminds Licensees of Continuing Obligations," *Public Notice*, DA-1792 (rel. Dec. 10, 2014) (citing 79 Fed. Reg. 72143 (Dec. 5, 2014) (final rule), and 79 Fed. Reg. 72173 (Dec. 5. 2014) ("Information Collections Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission" regarding three adopted rules that first require approval by the Office of Management and Budget under the Paperwork Reduction Act)).

² See 79 Fed. Reg. 76268 (Dec. 22, 2014).